

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒   
no ☐

Property Name: George Umberger Farm Inventory Number: F-3-014  
Address: 8130 B Gas House Pike City: Frederick Zip Code: 21701  
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Frederick  
Owner: George Umberger and Margaret Allen, Trustees Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 6 Tax Map Number: 67 Tax Account ID Number: 544677  
Project: Monocacy Boulevard Central Section Agency: Army Corps of Engineers  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ yes ☐ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: F-3-243  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☒ yes District Name: Gas House Pike Rural Historic District  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☒ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

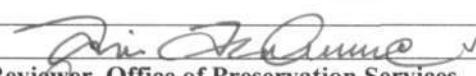
**Property Description**

The George Umberger Farm contains three buildings consisting of a late-nineteenth century dwelling, a late-twentieth century storage building, and a collapsed building on 2.2 acres, with the dwelling sitting perpendicular to Gas House Pike. The historic setting the house lot. The property also includes the E. L. Umberger dwelling (F-3-013). Both dwellings previously were documented in Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms completed in 1979. Although the George Umberger dwelling was included in the earlier documentation, the agricultural outbuildings were not discussed.

The property owner refused access to the property. The architectural survey was conducted from the public right-of-way and from adjacent property owned by the City of Frederick.

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐  
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Reviewer, NR Program

3/20/09  
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Domestic Buildings

Dwelling

A late-nineteenth century, two-story, wood-frame dwelling abuts Gas House Pike and faces east. The dwelling consists of a principal block with integral ell. The three-bay dwelling terminates in a cross-gable roof sheathed in standing seam metal. Gable returns are found at the east elevation's central gable, the south elevation of the principal block, and the west elevation of the ell. A brick chimney is centered in the roof. Cladding materials are German lap siding. Generally, windows are four-over-four light and six-over-six light, double-hung, vinyl-sash units. Two porches are located on the building. A three-bay porch extends across two bays of the east (front) elevation. A single-story porch is located on the north elevation of the ell. Ornamentation is limited to the front porch, the simple wood window surrounds, and the bargeboard.

The primary entrance is centered on the three-bay east elevation. Two six-over-six light, double-hung, vinyl-sash windows flank the central entrance on the first floor. Second floor windows are four-over-four window, double-hung, vinyl-sash units. An arched one-over-one light, double-hung, wood-sash window is located in the front gable. An original two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash window and a six-panel wood door are found the basement's east elevation. A three-bay porch characterizes the east elevation. Turned wood columns resting on chamfered wood bases support the porch's flat roof, which is sheathed in standing seam metal. Porch ornamentation consists of brackets and dentils along the roof and a Gothic Revival-style baluster. Concrete steps lead to the porch.

The one-bay south elevation of the principal block contains one original two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash window with wood lintel in the basement, a replacement six-over-six light, double-hung, vinyl-sash window on the first floor, and a replacement four-over-four light, double-hung, vinyl-sash window on the second floor. A four-light, fixed, wood-sash window is in the gable. The north elevation of the principal block is blind.

The ell's south elevation is three bays at the basement level and two bays at the first and second floors. Windows on the first and second floor are six-over-six light, double-hung, vinyl-sash units. One original two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash is located in the west bay of the second floor. The window openings were modified to accommodate the smaller replacement sash as is evident by the wide, wood sills. The three-bay basement has a central, six-panel wood door flanked by two window openings that have been filled with concrete block.

The one-bay, asymmetrical west elevation has three different windows. A small six-over-six light, double-hung, vinyl-sash window is found on the first floor. The second floor has a two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash window. A four-light, wood-sash window is in the gable. Only part of the ell's north elevation is visible from the adjacent, city-owned property to the east. A door is located on the first floor. Second floor windows are six-over-six light, double-hung, wood-sash units. A single-story porch is found on the north elevation of the ell. Three simple wood columns support the floor porch.

A low stone and poured-concrete wall runs between the road and the dwelling. The wall leads to the adjacent partially collapsed brick building to the west of the dwelling.

Agricultural Outbuildings

Large Metal Equipment Storage Building

A large, pre-fabricated metal storage building is located north of the dwelling and faces south. The late-twentieth century building terminates in a shallow, side-gable roof sheathed in metal panels. The south elevation is divided into three bays. No other openings are present on the building.



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**Collapsed Building**

A partially collapsed brick building is located west of the dwelling. The building, which is partially built into a hill, rests on a stone foundation. Stone and concrete block are employed on the west elevation. The interior of the west wall appears to have been parged. The building terminated in a gable roof; roofing materials are no longer extant. Part of the roof has collapsed into the building. A wood door and four-light wood-sash window with wood sill are located in the east elevation. Stone and brick steps run between the east elevation of the building and the west elevation of the wood-frame dwelling.

**Property History**

Although the George Umberger house previously was documented in a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MHIP) form completed in 1979, the data provided in the form was not accurate. The form asserts that a mill owned by William Bowers was located on the property. The subject property is on the north side of Gas House Pike. The mill was located on property owned by William Bowers that was located south of Gas House Pike and Carroll Creek.

The subject property was owned by a number of Frederick County residents during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Although a dwelling appears on the 1858 Bond Map of Frederick County, stylistically, the dwelling appears to date to the last half of the nineteenth century. Archival research suggests the dwelling was constructed by the Cartzendofer brothers. Joseph E. Cartzendofer and Edward Cartzendofer purchased 21 and one-half acres from William Bowers on 18 June 1866 (Frederick County Land Records Liber JWLC 4/Folio 207). The 1870 census records Edward Cartzendofer, age 33; Joseph Cartzendofer, age 35; and Ann Cartzendofer, age 40, living in the Second Frederick Census District (U.S. Census 1870). Mary House, a servant, and six-year Joseph Spect also lived in the household. Edward and Joseph Cartzendofer were identified as millers in the census. The real estate was valued at \$5,100 for each brother, and personal property was valued at \$2,500 each (U.S. Census 1870). Together, the brothers owned the firm J.E. Cartzendofer and Bro. (Lake 1873).

In 1877, William Kolb acquired the property from Thomas Clagett and Elias Zimmerman, receivers of the firm of Joseph E. Cartzendofer Bro. (Frederick County Land Records Liber TG 12/Folio 404). The property, known as "Carroll Creek Mills," was comprised of parts of "Tasker's Chance" and "Pipe Creek Meadow" and contained 21 and one-half acres (Frederick County Land Records Liber TG 12/Folio 404). The property changed ownership numerous times between 1877, when it was acquired by William Kolb, and 1946 when Edward L. Umberger purchased the property. The property was reduced in size from 21 and one-half acres in 1877, to 17 acres in 1914, and 2.2 acres in 1940 (Frederick County Land Records Liber TG 12/Folio 404; Liber 320/Folio 402; Liber 425/Folio 206). The mill mentioned in the MHIP form was retained by Samuel and Bertie Reifsnider, who lived on the subject property with their three children, Nelson, Robert, and Edna, when they sold 17 acres to George Roelke and his wife in 1914 (Frederick County Land Records Liber HWB 308/Folio 503; Polk 1909:956). Samuel was identified as a farmer in the 1910 census, while his sons Nelson and Robert were identified as retail merchant and miller, respectively (U.S. Census 1910). The mill site is not part of the 2.2-acre property currently owned by George Umberger and Margaret Allen.

Edward L. Umberger bought the 2.2 acres from Bertha A. Roop et al. in November 1946 (Frederick County Land Records Liber 450/Folio 306). In accordance with the will of Edward L. Umberger, the property transferred to George Umberger and Margaret Allen, trustees, in 1988 (Frederick County Land Records Liber 1537/Folio 869). Today the property comprises 2.2 acres. The E.L. Umberger house (F-3-013) documented in a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form completed in 1979 also is located on the property.



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Census records were unable to identify all who lived on the property after 1877 and before the property was acquired by the Umberger family in 1946. Archival research suggests the property was tenanted during some of its history. Some owners, including Bertha A. Roop, lived elsewhere during the years they owned the subject property (Polk 1943). Property owners associated with the property during the time period were not identified in the census records or were identified as living elsewhere for the years 1880 through 1930. A review of the genealogy vertical files available at the Historical Society of Frederick County did not yield relevant data on any of the property owners. The attached chain of title provides additional information on property ownership.

**Thematic Context: Nineteenth Century Domestic Architecture**

The Umberger house is representative of the mid-nineteenth century vernacular regional house type, the Maryland Piedmont farmhouse. Character-defining features of the Maryland Piedmont farmhouse include a two-story dwelling with integral ell; a three-, four-, or five-bay façade; and a gable roof. A double-tiered porch located on the inner side of the ell was a character-defining feature (Getty 1987:94). Gable-end interior chimneys at one or both gables of the main block and the ell's gable end were common (Getty 1987:94).

The dwelling could occupy a T- or L-shaped footprint. A central hall with main staircase was common, with a parlor on one side of the hall and a living room or dining room on the opposite side (Getty 1987:84). The ell typically contained the kitchen. Bedrooms were located on the second floor, and the unfinished attic was used for storage (Getty 1987:94).

Stylistically, the George Umberger dwelling incorporates features of the Folk Victorian-era style. Popular between 1870 and 1910, Folk Victorian-era style dwellings applied elements from Victorian era styles to simple folk house forms (McAlester 1992:309). These simpler versions of their more elaborate counterparts referenced the Italianate, Queen Anne, and Gothic Revival styles (McAlester 1992:309). Characteristics of the style include turned spindles, chamfered posts, and lace-like spandrels (McAlester 1992:309, 310). In many cases, center gables were added to side-gable roofs (McAlester 1992:310).

The railroad, which made the cheap and efficient shipment of lumber possible, helped popularize the style. Pre-cut detailing could be shipped from distant saw mills to local lumber yards (McAlester 1992:310). The style lost favor during the first decade of the twentieth century as the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles gained popularity (McAlester 1992:310).

**Evaluation**

The George Umberger Farm was evaluated applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4 [a-d]). The George Umberger Farm is associated with the historical trends in domestic architecture (Criterion C). The ca. 1877 dwelling incorporates characteristics of the Maryland Piedmont farmhouse with Folk Victorian decorative elements. The character-defining features, including the integral ell, the three-bay façade, gable roof, and double-tiered porch are representative of the Maryland Piedmont farmhouse. The fretwork found on the front porch and center gable recall elements of the Folk Victorian-era style. The George Umberger Farm possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association to merit consideration for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as a Frederick County farm for the period 1877 through the 1950s.

The property also was evaluated for its potential as a rural historic landscape. A review of aerial photographs suggests that the property no longer retains the sufficient characteristics of patterns of spatial organization, circulation networks, boundary demarcations, and vegetation related to land use. The property boundaries have been reconfigured, boundary lines have been lost, and field patterns altered. These modifications have reduced the landscape's integrity.



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**Photo Log**

MIHP # F-3-014

George Umberger Farm

Frederick County, Maryland

Photos taken by: Melissa Crosby

Photos taken on: 13 May 2008

Photo paper and ink: HP Viverra ink 97 Tri-Color cartridge, 101 Blue Photo cartridge, and 102 Gray Photo cartridge on HP Premium Photo Paper (high gloss)

Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

F-3-014\_2008-05-13\_01 - Context, looking west

F-3-014\_2008-05-13\_02 - Dwelling, east elevation

F-3-014\_2008-05-13\_03 - Dwelling, east and north elevations

F-3-014\_2008-05-13\_04 - Dwelling, south and west elevations, and brick ruin

F-3-014\_2008-05-13\_05 - Large metal equipment storage building, east and south elevations

Kirsten Peeler, Project Manager  
Melissa Crosby, Architectural  
Historian

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Frederick, Maryland 21701

Prepared by:

Date Prepared: July 2008



To: George Umberger and Margaret Allen, Trustees  
 From: In accordance with the will of Edward L. Umberger  
 Date: 28 November 1988 in 1527/869  
 Amount: three parcels: being all that parcel of land in 115 acres (406/560); lots 8-21 (426/345); lot 1 in Sunrise Villa containing 2.2 acres (450/306)

To: Edward L. Umberger  
 From: Bertha A. Roop, widow; G. Raymond Roop and Julia Roop, his wife; Beulah A. Roop, unmarried; Earl D. Roop and Agnes Roop, his wife; Charles W. Roop and Amanda Roop, his wife; Lester G. Roop, divorced; and Curtis L. Roop and Lavinia Roop, his wife.  
 Date: 6 November 1945 in 450/306  
 Amount: Lot 1 on the plat for Sunrise Villa containing 2.2 acres being the same real estate which was conveyed unto the said Bertha A. Roop et al. by H. Kieffer DeLauter on 18 October 1943 and recorded in 439/455.

To: Bertha A. Roop et al.  
 From H. Kieffer DeLauter  
 Date: 18 October 1943 in 439/455  
 Amount: All that lot or parcel... and being designated as Lot No. 1 on the plat of Sunrise Villa containing 2.2 acres. And being all and the same real estate conveyed by Bertha A. Roop (widow) to H. Kieffer DeLauter, for the purpose of having the same reconveyed unto her and her children by deed bearing even date herewith and intended to be recorded among the land records of Frederick County just prior to the recording of this deed. The property was subject to the same conditions and restrictions set forth in the deed from Keefer M. Koogle and Natalie E. Koogle to Bertha A. Roop on 26 July 1940 in 425/206.

To: Berth A. Roop  
 From: Keefer M. Koogle and Natalie E. Koogle  
 Date: 26 July 1940 in 425/206  
 Amount: All that lot or parcel being designated as Lot No. 1 on a plat of Sunrise Villa containing 2.2 acres. Being part of the same real estate which was conveyed by Samuel W. Fry and wife to the said Keefer M. Koogle and Natalie E. Koogle, his wife, by deed dated 1 April 1939 and recorded in 416/ 415.

To: Keefer M. Koogle and wife  
 From: Samuel Wesley Fry and Maggie R. Fry, his wife  
 Date: 1 April 1939 in 416/415  
 Amount: 17 acres and one rood and being the same real estate which was conveyed to Clayton Ross Ramsburg from Grayson D. Dutrow and wife by deed dated 22 March 1919 and recorded in 328/25, less about one acre sold to William E. Heffner. Being the same real estate conveyed to Samuel Wesley Fry by Thelma Yeatman et al. by deed dated 21 June 1938 and recorded in 412/446.

To: Samuel Wesley Fry



From: Thelma Yeatman and Robert H. Yeatman, her husband; and Mary Ellen Ramsburg, and George L. Ramsburg

Clayton Ross Ramsburg died intestate in 1937 and was survived by his only heirs at law the following children, Thelma Yeatman, Mary Ellen Ramsburg and George L. Ramsburg to whom said real estate descended.

Date: 21 June 1938 in 412/446

Amount: All those parcels of land, containing in the aggregate 17 acres and 1 rood adjoining the lands of Frederick City Incinerating Plant and others being all of the same real estate which was conveyed to the said Clayton Ross Ramsburg from Grayson D. Dutrow and wife by deed dated 22 March 1919 and recorded in 328/25 less about one acre sold to William E. Heffner and the City of Frederick.

To: C. Ross Ramsburg

From: Grayson D. Dutrow and Lula C. Dutrow, his wife

Date: 22 March 1919 in 328/25

Amount: Being part of a tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" and part called "Taskers Chance" and containing in the aggregate 17 acres, 1 rood and being all and the same property as described in two deeds to the said Grayson D. Dutrow and Lula C. Dutrow, his wife. The first being from George W.M. Roelke and Maragret Roelke his wife bearing date of 17 March 1917 and recorded in 320/402 and containing 17 acres and two perches. The second from Samuel A. Shaver et al on 27 March 1917 and recorded in 320/402 containing 28 square perches of land. "Together with the full rights, power, and authority to close up, fill, discontinue or otherwise to dispose of the mill rights...." Excluded from the deed were the water rights and powers as conveyed to James Otis King by deed from William F. Wilkin and Margaret Wilkin his wife dated 17 March 1915 and recorded in HWB 312/191. And the right, power and authority as conveyed to Harmon L. Gaver by deed from Samuel A. Shaver et al. on 4 May 1915 and recorded in HWB 312/489.

To: Grayson D. Dutrow and Lula C. Dutrow wife

From: Samuel A. Shaver and Carrie E. Shaver, his wife; George W.M. Roelke and Margaret Roelke, his wife; and James Otis King and Hettie B. King, his wife.

Date: 27 March 1917 in Liber 320/Folio 402

Amount: all that piece, parcel or tract of land...being part of the tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" and a part called "Tasker's Chance" and containing 17 acres and 2 perches and being all the same property as described in the deed from Samuel D. Reifsnider and S. Bertie Reifsnider his wife to the said George W.M. Roelke and Margaret Roelke on 6 May 1914 and recorded in HWB308/503.

To: George W.M. Roelke and wife

From: Samuel D. Reifsnider and Bertie Reifsnider, his wife

Date: 6 May 1914 in HWB308/503

Amount: Being part of the tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" and a part called "Tasker's Chance" and containing 21 and ½ acres of land being the same land and premises as described in a deed from Florence M. Mealey to Samuel D. Reiffnider on 30 June 1893



and recorded in JLJ 5/180. Reserving and excepting two tracts containing 38 perches and 4 ¼ acres respectively and known as the "Mill Site"

To: Samuel D. Reifsnider

From: Florence M. Mealey

Date: 15 July 1893 in JLJ5/180

Amount: All the mill property known as the "Carroll Creek Mills" being part of a tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" and a part called "Tasker's Chance" containing 21 and ½ acres... being the same land conveyed to the said Florence Mealey by David Kolb and Carrie Kolb and recorded on 30 March 1893 in JLJ 3/633. The property was conveyed to David Kolb by a deed of partition recorded in WJP 11/399 by David Kolb and wife and W.A. Kolb and wife executors of the last will and testament of William Kolb. Being part of the property conveyed to William Kolb by Thomas Clagett and Elias Zimmerman receiver of Joseph Cartzendofer and recorded in TJ 12/404 and being the same land conveyed to Joseph Cartzendofer by William D. Bowers and wife on 18 June 1866 and recorded in JWLC 4/207.

To: Florence M. Mealey

From: David Kolb and Carrie Kolb his wife

Date: 30 March 1893 in JLJ3/633

Amount: All that mill property known as the "Carroll Creek Mills" being part of a tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" and part called "Tasker's Chance" containing 21 and ½ acres. And being described in metes and bounds in a deed from W.A. Bowers and wife to Joseph E. Cartzendofer and Edward C. Cartzendofer dated 18 June 1866 and recorded in JWLC 4/207. And also being part of a parcel of land conveyed to William Kolb by Thomas Clagett and Elisa Zimmerman by deed dated 10 October 1877 and recorded in TG 12/404. Also part of the land conveyed in the partition deed dated 15 July 1890 by David Kolb and wife in WJP 11/399.

To: William Kolb

From: Thomas Clagett and Elias Zimmerman

Date: 9 October 1877 in TG12/4404

Amount: Clagett and Zimmerman were appointed receivers of the firm of Joseph E. Cartzendofer Bros. All the property known as "Carroll Creek Mills" being part of tract of land called "Tasker's Chance" and part of tract called "Pipe Creek Meadow" containing together 21 and ½ acres being described by metes and bounds in a deed from William Bowers and wife to Joseph E. Cartzendofer and Edward Cartzendofer and recorded in JWLC 4/207 on 18 June 1866.

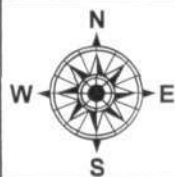
To: Joseph E. and Edward Cartzendofer

From: William S. Bowers and Charlotte Bowers his wife

Date: 18 June 1866 in JWLC 4/207

Amount: 21 ½ acres being the same property conveyed to William S. Bowers by Edward A. Shriver and David Weaver and wife by deed dated 26 March 1857 and recorded in ES 9/369; Joseph Routzhan and wife in deed dated April 1865 in JWLC 2/582 and Joseph Miller and wife on 18 June 1866 and recorded in JWLC 4/207.





- A - Equipment Shed
- B - Dwelling
- C - Collapsed Building



**F-3-014 George Umberger House  
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Resource Sketch Map**

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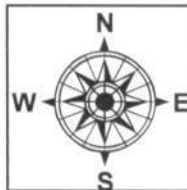
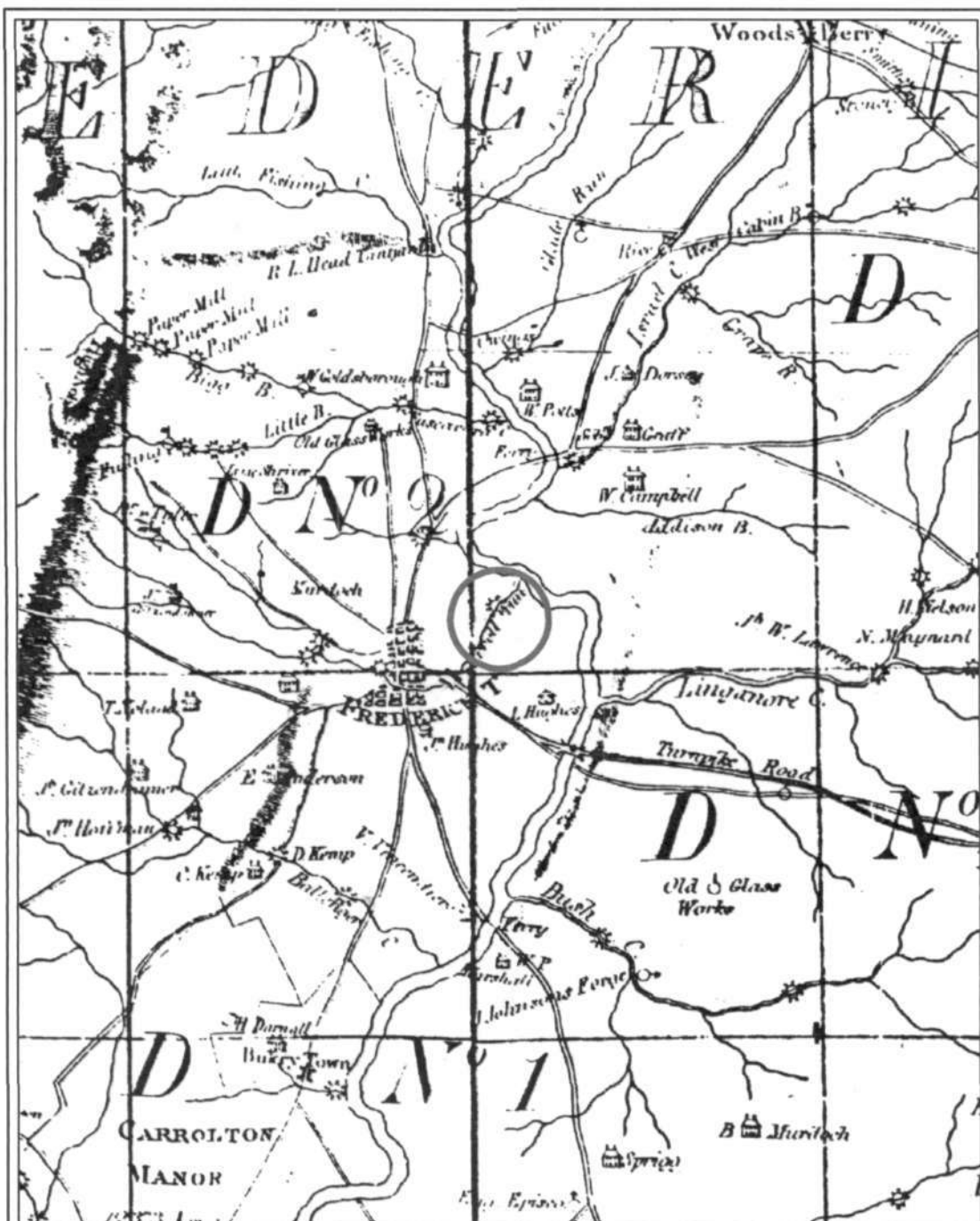
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Project Area

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Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland  
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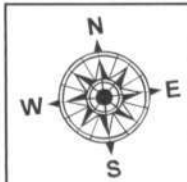
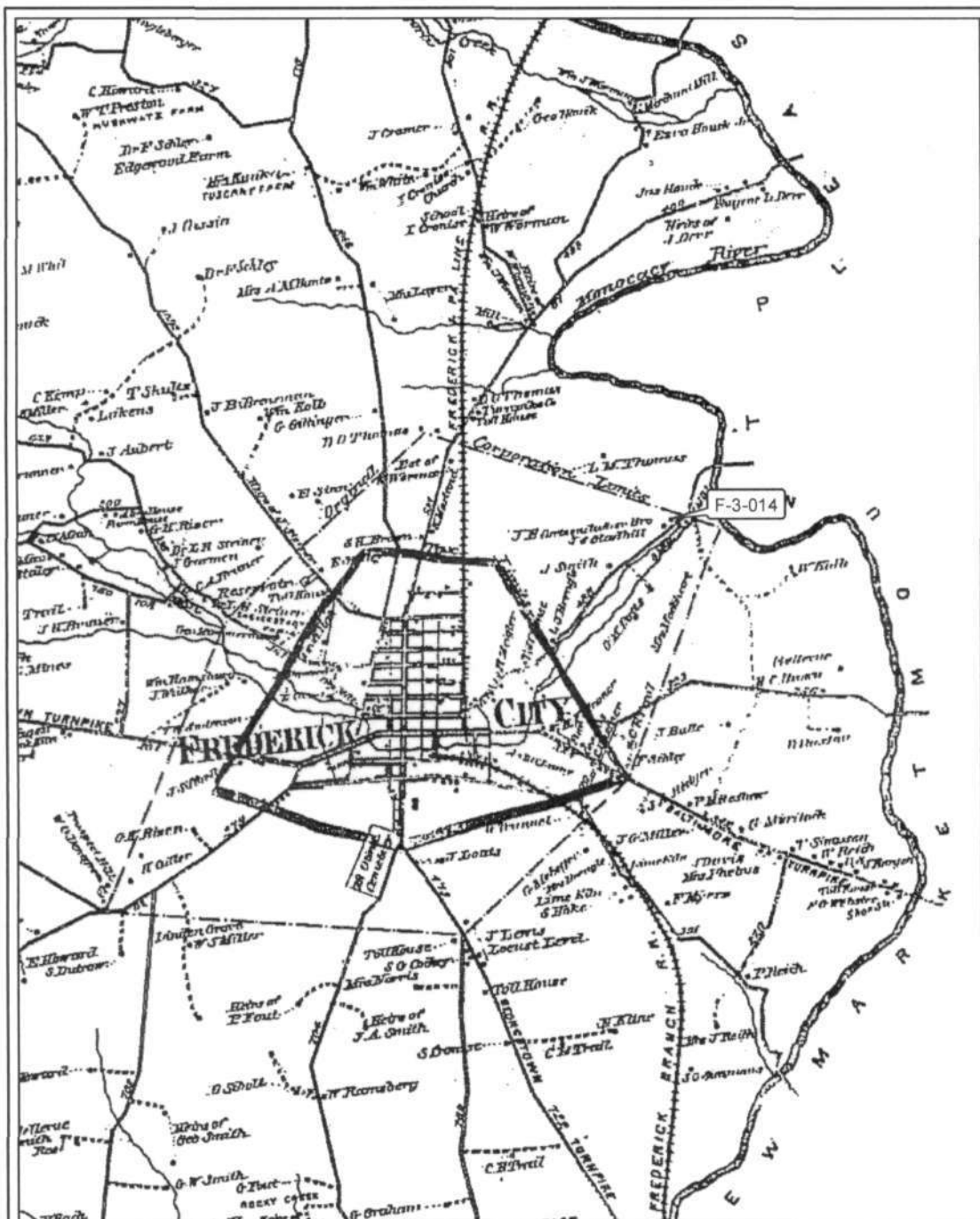
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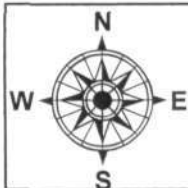
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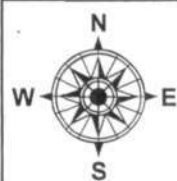
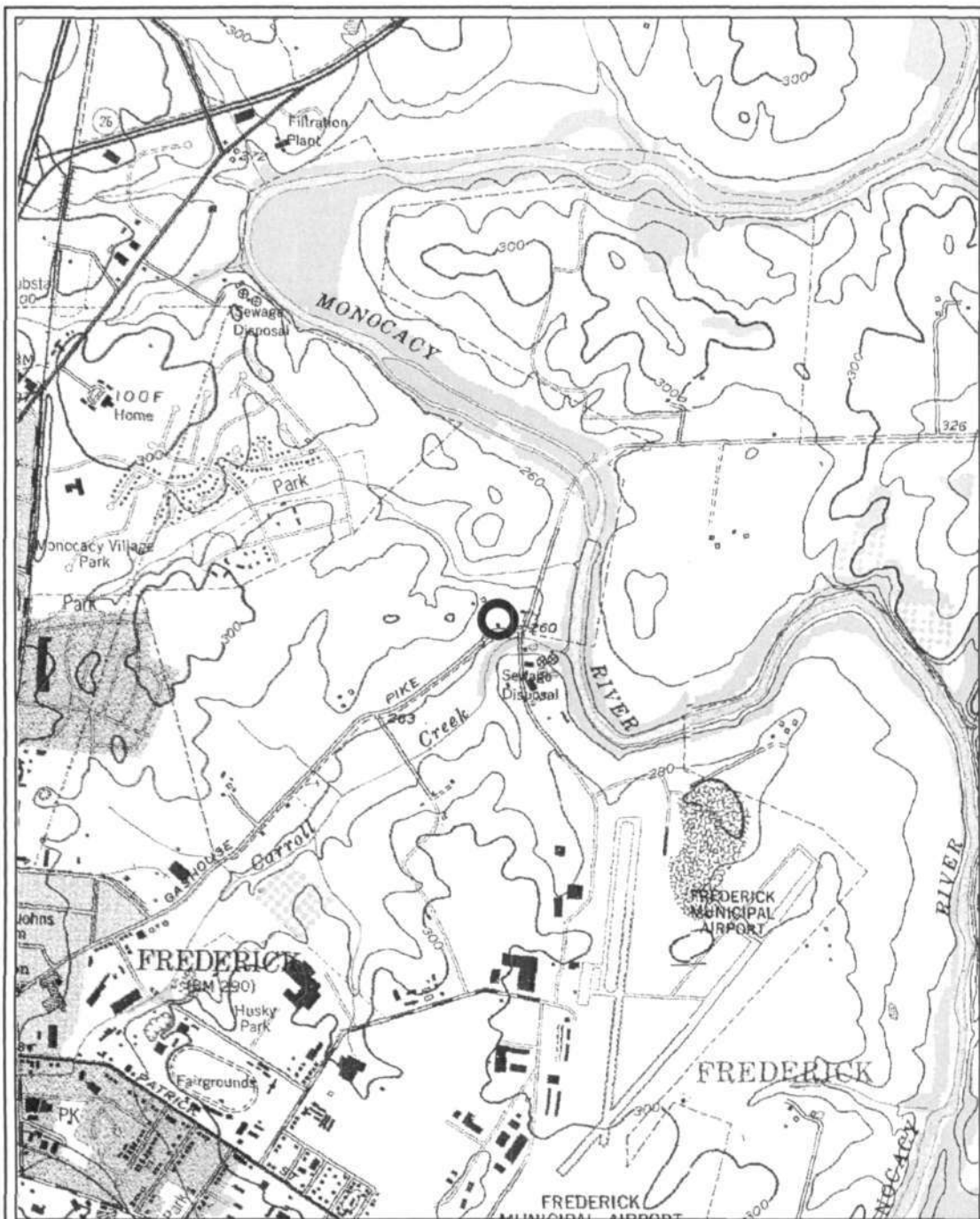
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**F-3-014 George Umberger House**  
**Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland**  
**U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Frederick, MD**

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Context, looking west

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Dwelling, east elevation

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Dwelling, east and north elevations

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Dwelling, south and west elevations, and brick ruin

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George Umberger Farm

Frederick County, MD

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Large metal equipment storage building, east and  
south elevations

Photo # 5 of 5



George Umberger House  
Gas House Pike, Frederick  
Private

The George Umberger House, a frame two and a half story ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence faces northeast from the north side of Gas House Pike. The principal facade is three bays wide. A wooden panelled door with single light transom occupies the second bay. The remaining bays are occupied by 2/2 original windows. A Victorian Gothic window is located in the center gable. The window is framed by curvilinear vergeboards.

A two bay wide entrance porch extends across the facade. The porch is supported by six turned columns with decorative brackets. Slatted railing frames the porch between the turned columns. A dentil cornice lies beneath the standing seam tin roof which covers the porch, and covers the entire novelty sided structure.

The George Umberger House was built in all probability by the Cartzendaffer Brothers, Joseph and Edward, who purchased the property from William D. Bowers in 1866.<sup>1</sup> William D. Bowers, a prominent citizen of the Frederick area, was the co-founder of the William Bowers Lumber Company, a family owned business in operation today. The house is significant as the site of a merchant mill from before 1858 to the early twentieth century and as a fine example of the Carpenter Gothic style structure.

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<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.W.L.C. 4; Folio 207.



## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC George Umberger House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 67 P 6

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME E. L. Umberger

Telephone #: 663-4061

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Gas House Pike

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 406

Folio #: 560

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
—GOOD  
XX—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

X—UNALTERED  
—ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

X—ORIGINAL SITE  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Umberger House is a frame two and one-half story ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence which faces northeast from the north side of Gas House Pike.

The principal facade of the building is three bays wide. The main entrance, a wooden panelled door with single light transom, is located in the second bay.

Occupying the remaining two bays on the facade are 2/2 original windows. Wooden louvered shutters similar to the ones on the east side of the house are now missing from the facade windows. A Victorian Gothic window is located in the center gable.

A two bay wide entrance porch extends across the facade. The porch is supported by six turned columns with decorative brackets. A dentil cornice lies below the original standing seam tin roof. Slatted railing frames the porch between the turned columns.

The entire structure rests on a raised, stone rubble foundation. The structure is covered with a standing seam tin roof. Below the roof is a boxed cornice with return. Curvilinear vergeboards frame the center gable. Three original brick chimneys rise from the north, and south gable ends, and from the center of the two story original rear addition. German novelty siding covers the structure.

To the rear of the structure is a brick outbuilding with standing seam tin roof. A 2/2 original window occupies the first bay of the structure. The remaining bay contains a plain wooden door without hardware.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Umberger House, a frame ell shaped Carpenter Gothic residence, was built in the late 1870's. The land on which the house sits was part of the mill site or tract which housed several mills along the point where Carroll Creek meets the Monocacy River. In 1893 the property was bought by Samuel Reifsnider from Florence H. Mealey.<sup>1</sup> The deed description described the tract as the "mill property known as Carroll Creek Mills."<sup>2</sup> In 1913 when the property was next sold, it was described as the Reifsnider Mill tract.<sup>3</sup> A merchant mill existed on this tract of land as early as 1858. At this time the property was owned by William D. Bowers and wife.

William Bowers was a prominent member of the Frederick community. Born in 1828, he was the co-founder of the William D. Bowers Lumber Company in 1868 with his father-in-law, Joseph Routzahn.<sup>4</sup> The Bowers Lumber Company, still a family owned business is one of the most prominent Frederick lumber establishments.

The George Umberger House was built in all probability by the Cartzendaffer Brothers, Joseph and Edward, who bought the property from William Bowers in 1866 and retained it until 1877.<sup>5</sup> The tract of land on which the house sits has significant relationships to the Frederick County area. The site of a merchant mill from 1858 until the early part of the twentieth century, the tract and home are historically significant to the Gas House Pike area. Architecturally the structure is a fine example of a Carpenter Gothic residence interpreted in frame with decorative carpentry work.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber JIJ 5; Folio 180.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber H.W.B. 304; Folio 95

<sup>4</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), Vol. II, p. 1110.

<sup>5</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.W.L.C. 4; Folio 207.



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Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), Vol. II, p. 1110.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 119.25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

7/27/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

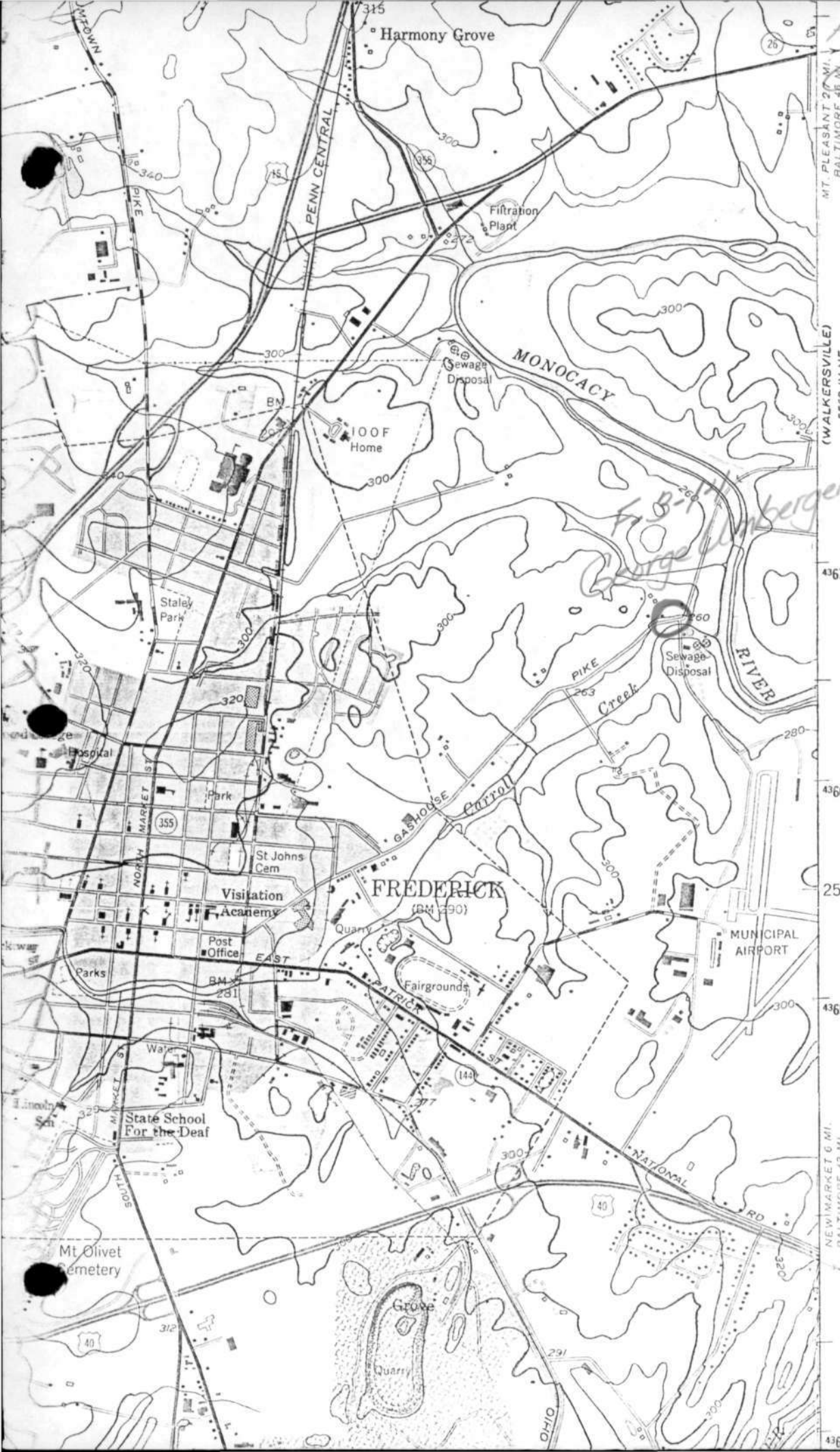
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





Frederick  
Quadrangle

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George Blumberg House

MT. PLEASANT 27 MI.  
BALTIMORE 46 MI.

4367

4366

25'

4365

NEW MARKET 6 MI.  
BALTIMORE 43 MI.

4363







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George Umberger  
Hbl.

Northwest Generation

DES 6/15/79

n/5 East House Pike







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George Umberger  
House

northeast elevation

DES 6/15/79

n/s Das House  
Pike